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MARKEY LAUDS SADDAM'S CAPTURE

Lawmaker Still Wants to Know About Iraqi Nuclear Weapons Program and Al Qaeda Link

Washington, DC: Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-MA) released the following statement today regarding the capture of Saddam Hussein by coalition forces in Iraq:

"The American people join with the people of Iraq in congratulating the forces responsible for locating Saddam Hussein and taking him into custody. His ability to elude capture was corrosive to the establishment of a peaceful and secure Iraq because it cast continuing doubt among those he had oppressed that he might live to fight another day. Saddam should be tried as a war criminal like Slobodan Milosevich. However, the threat of violence remains acute, and it is clear that security in Iraq and the rebuilding of a working government and economy is an enormous, time-consuming and uncertain task. We occupy a country on the other side of the world that wants to control its own destiny. I hope that Saddam's capture leads the Administration to accelerate the transfer of power back to Iraqis as soon as possible so that the occupation can end.

"The Bush Administration still must answer many questions in a post-Saddam Iraq. Was there a nuclear weapons program in Iraq? Are we going to put together a real international coalition to rebuild Iraq? Was there a definitive link between Al Qaeda and the Iraqi government? Are we going to get back to the War on Terrorism, track down Osama bin Laden and stem the tide of terrorism in the United States and abroad? These questions are still on the minds of every American and most of the world's citizens. So even as we celebrate today, we must note that there is still much to do."

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